

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
DISTRICT I**

May 6, 2002

7:00 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th

Members Present

Council Member Brewer
Kenneth Hemmen
Lori Lawrence
Debby Moore
Celina Porter Robinson
James Thompson
Marcia Traylor

Members Absent

Treatha Brown Foster
David Franks*
Carrie Jones Williams
Sharon Myers*
Steve Roberts*
Lois Tully-Gerber
Willard Walker
Ken Woodard

Guest List

Dorothy Nave, 1802 Looman
Debra Miller, 1431 S. Hillside
Karen Porter, 3126 Carmen
Earline Patton, 807 N Piatt
John Gist, WSU
Kenneth Benytson, 411 N. Webb
Letha Ligons, 3121 Shadybrook
Mary Henley, 1930 N Hydraulic
Paul Fortier, 1257 Greenwood
Ruth Holiman, 330 N Rock Road
Maviou DuBose, 1351 N. Parkwood
Gertrude Jamison, 2402 N Minnesota
Kevin Kimmel, P. O. Box 20598
Joann Hartig, 1756 S Main

Staff Present

Mike Lindebak, Public Works
Officer Jesse Hancock, WPD
Heidi Farmer-Drew, Neighborhood Assistant

*Denotes District Advisory Board Alternates

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Brewer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve April 2002, DAB I minutes as submitted, **Porter Robinson (Hemmen)**, motion carried (6-0).

Approval of Agenda

Ruth Holiman with Prairie Travelers, also asked to speak on the public agenda. **Hemmen (Traylor)** made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items - No items submitted**

Public Agenda (continued)

2. Off-agenda items

2a. Ruth Holiman, with Prairie Travelers, spoke to promote the bike trails in Wichita. **Holiman** stated the City had been a part of a Federal Grant program that would have assisted, financially with the completion of the City's bike paths. **Holiman** also stated that the grant was an eighty/twenty - matching grant, where the City would have been responsible for identifying twenty percent of the project's funding.

Holiman closed her remarks by stating that she would like to see the City Council devote dollars, line-by-line, for the City's parks; the money would assist in completing the bike path from K96 to Grove Park.

Public Works

3. Hillside Improvement; between 17th and 21st Street

Mike Lindebak, City Engineer, was present to provide information regarding this case. The 2002 Capital Improvement Program adopted by the City Council has identified funding to improve Hillside, between 17th and 21st Street. These improvements are needed for traffic carrying capacity and for safety and are projected to be constructed in year 2003. Plans are being developed that will show the construction of four through lanes and a center two-way left turn lane along Hillside. A grassed median with landscape is included. **John Gist** from Wichita State University was also present to answer any questions regarding the project.

The DAB members and members of the Public asked several questions regarding the project which generated the following information:

- In order to make the proposed improvements, some properties on the west side of Hillside may need to be acquired.
- Acquisition may be generated by the City of Wichita, or Wichita State University.
- Once the project is approved by the City Council, the affected residents will be notified.
- Residents/Owners of affected properties may use an agent to represent them, however that is not necessary
- Residents/Owners of affected properties will be assisted by the City of Wichita, (through the Property Management Office), in finding comparable housing.
- In most cases, one property will be acquired, in some cases, two properties will need to be acquired in order to have the proper amount of Right of Way and adequate lane width.
- Once the project is approved, a plat drawing of each property will be done and each property will then be appraised (Approximate time frame may be around September 2002).
- The time a homeowner has to vacate the property depends on what terms are made in the closing agreement.

3. Hillside Improvement; between 17th and 21st Street (continued)

Council Member Brewer stated that this was a time for homeowners to voice if they want the project and get questions answered. If question arose, Council Member Brewer encouraged citizens to contact Mike Lindebak or him.

Moore (Thompson) recommended the project, with the landscaping, be approved. Motion carried (6-0)

Staff Reports – No items submitted

Unfinished Business

4. Neighborhood Matching Grant Program

Council Member Brewer asked for recommendations from each DAB member present. By consensus, the DAB members decided to take five (5) volunteers, and one (1) alternate committee member, form the DAB to review the Neighborhood Matching Grant Applications. It was also agreed that this committee will meet on the third Monday of each month (providing there are applications to review), and each applicant, whether approved or denied, will receive written notice. Applicants denied funding will receive an explanation as to their denial.

District I Neighborhood Matching Grant Application Review Committee includes: Marcia Traylor, Celina Porter-Robinson, Ken Hemmen, James Thompson, and Debby Moore. The alternate is Lori Lawrence.

Planning Cases - No items submitted

New Business - No items submitted

Board Agenda – No items submitted

General Comments/Announcements

Council Member Brewer

- District I Coalition May Breakfast Meeting went well
 - Several people attended
 - Discussion topics proved to be very educational for those who attended and included:
 - Dynaplex
 - School Taxes
 - State Taxes
- Next monthly breakfast at Spears (first Saturday of the month, 8:00 am), June 1st
- Health and Safety Fair scheduled for April 27th – canceled due to rain, may be rescheduled for a later date

Officer Hancock

- Member of the skateboard committee
 - Looking at making improvements at two locations
 - Under Kellogg - restrooms
 - Edgemoor Park – outdated equipment to be pulled
 - Funding is an issue at Kellogg location
 - Will give periodic updates as necessary

Being no further business, **Porter Robinson (Thompson)** moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Heidi Farmer-Drew
Neighborhood Assistant,
Council District I